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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

BASIC PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COUNCIL

Draft proposals submitted by the President and members of the Bureau on the basis of informal consultations held pursuant to paragraph 2 (1) of Council resolution 1988/77

Addendum

DRAFT DECISION XVIII

Operational activities segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council for 1994

The Economic and Social Council decides that the operational activities of the United Nations for the international development cooperation segment of its substantive session of 1994 shall be of five days duration and shall be organized as follows:

High-level meeting

Day 1 Introductory statements by heads of agencies and national statements should be made and should deal with, in particular, issues relating to the provision by the Economic and Social Council of cross-sectoral coordination and overall guidance, the monitoring of the division of labour between and cooperation within the United Nations development system and the provision of guidance to the relevant inter-agency coordination systems.

Written statements should be circulated in advance and interventions limited to five minutes each. Provision should be made for a night session in case of need.

Day 2 Informal dialogue with heads of agencies.

Interventions from delegations should be limited to questions and to short comments. Establishing time-limits for such interventions could help the task of the Chairman in maintaining the character of the session as an informal dialogue.

There should be no speakers' lists.

Working-level meetings

Days 3 and 4

In order to implement General Assembly resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993, informal discussions should include the following subjects:

(a) Relationship between the Council and the Executive Boards;

(b) Provision of overall guidance by the Council to the funds, programmes and agencies;

(c) Review and evaluation of the reports on the work of the funds and programmes;

(d) Incorporating into the operational activities of the United Nations system the operationally relevant recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Council and other relevant bodies in the light of policies established by the General Assembly;

(e) Providing orientation and recommendations to the relevant inter-agency coordination mechanisms and supporting and enhancing their role;

(f) Preparatory work for the triennial policy review of operational activities of the United Nations system, particularly the financing of operational activities.

Day 5 Drafting group and conclusion.

In addition to the adoption of any necessary decisions and resolutions, consideration should be given to adopting some form of agreed conclusions to reflect the outcome of the high-level meeting.